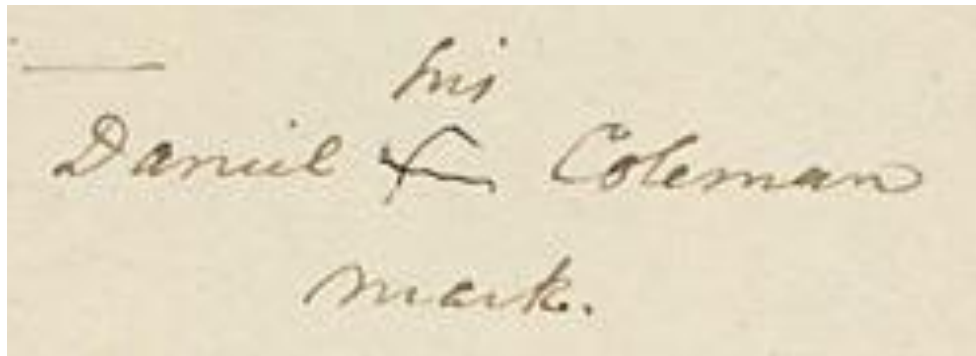


Daniel Coleman, Revolutionary War Soldier

Daniel Coleman was a Free African-American who enlisted in the Continental Army in Maryland in 1781. He served at the Siege of Yorktown in October that secured the United States' independence from Great Britain. He was discharged in Loudoun in late 1781. At age 93 and unable to work, he filed a claim at the courthouse to prove he served during the war and could receive a Revolutionary War pension.

Revolutionary War Papers, Daniel Coleman's Pension Request, 1827

A photograph of a handwritten signature on aged, yellowed paper. The signature is written in cursive and reads "Daniel F. Coleman" on the first line and "mark." on the second line. There is a small horizontal line above the first line of the signature.

London County
Virginia, to wit: }
On this 13th day of December, 1827, personally appears in open
Court, being a Court of Record, that is to say a special term of the
Sup^{re} Court of Sth Va. 10th Judicial ^{district} Daniel Coleman resident in
said County aged ninety three years, who being first duly sworn
according to Law, doth on his oath make the following decla-
-ration, in order to obtain the provisions made by the acts of
Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st of May 1820 that
he the said Daniel Coleman enlisted for the term of eighteen
months somewhere in the early part of the year 1781 at
a place called Taney Town in Maryland in a company
commanded by Captain _____ in the regiment
commanded by Colonel Mullenburg in the line of the
State of _____ on the _____ Continental estab-
lishment; that he continued to serve in the said Corps until
the capture of Lord Cornwallis in October 1781 where he was
discharged from the service in the County of Loudoun & State
of Virginia; that he here by relinquishes every claim whatever
to a pension, except the present; that his name is not
on the roll of any State, except _____; and that
the following are the reasons for not making earlier
application for a pension: 1st That until within a
few years past, he has with some charitable assistance
maintained himself by his daily labor. 2nd That until
lately he was ignorant that he might have a fair
claim for a pension.

And, in pursuance of the act of the 1st of May,
1820 I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen
of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I
have not, since that time, by gift, sale, or in any
manner, disposed of my property, or any part thereof,
with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself
within the provisions of an act of Congress, entitled "an act
to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land & Naval
service of the United States in the Revolutionary War, - passed
on the 18th day of March 1818; and that I have not, nor ha-
ve any person in trust for me, any property, or securities,
contracts, or debts, due to me; nor have I any income

Other than what is contained in the schedule hereto
annexed, and by me subscribed.

Daniel Coleman
mark.

Schedule of Daniel Coleman &c.

Real Property — none

Personal property — none

Debts due to me — none

My occupation is that of a day laborer — but I am
too old & infirm to work — There is no family residing
with me & none, who can, or do contribute to my support
& I live about from place to place as the charity of
the people permits. —

his
Daniel F. Coleman
mark.

I Charles Benins Clerk of the Superior Court of
Lond. County, do hereby certify that it appears to the
satisfaction of the Court that the said Daniel Coleman
did serve in the Revolutionary War, as stated in the
preceding declaration, against the Common Enemy, for
the term of six months, fourteen days and one engagement
on the Continental establishment. I also certify that
the foregoing oath, or affirmation and the Schedule
thereto annexed, are truly copied from the records of the
said Court; and I do further certify, that it is the opinion
of the said Court that the total amount in value of the
property exhibited in the above Schedule is —
dollars and — cents — Intestimony whereof, I have
hereunto set my hand, & affixed the seal of the said Court,
on this 27th day of December 1827.

Clerk of the Superior
Court of Land and Tax.

State of Virginia }
London County } 3

On this 29th day of October 1827 Personally came before me
Noble S. Braden a magistrate for the County of Loudoun, one of the
Justices of the Peace for the County of Loudoun, who being first duly sworn made solemn oath that Daniel
Coleman, a free man of color, who he understands is
applying to the War Department for a pension, is well
known to him & he knows him to be the same Daniel
Coleman who enlisted in the Army of the Revolution for 18 mo.
since in the early part of 1781 — that S. Coleman was
under the immediate command of Capt. Samuel Roland &
attached to General Mendenhall's command & was at different
times in other companies — that he & S. Coleman were at
the Siege of York Town in 1781 & S. Coleman there &
then in the service of the U. S. — and S. Coleman further
says that he was honorably discharged soon after said Siege —
that S. Coleman was discharged at the same time — S. Coleman
further says that S. Coleman is now very aged & poor & he does
not know him to possess any sort of property.

Subscribed in my presence
Jacob C. Butler

This 29th day of Oct. 1827.

Noble S. Braden J. P.

State of Virginia }
County of Loudoun }.

On this 18th day of October 1827 personally came before me Samuel M. Edwards one of the Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid and a Justice of the County Court of said County Eleazar Thomas, who being first duly sworn, made oath that he was at Williamsburg Va. in the year 1781 in the service of the United States in the Revolutionary War - that he was attached to the 2^d or 3^d Regiment of Infantry, under the Command of Capt. Hugh Douglas - that one Daniel Coleman a free man of color, was also there in the service of the United States & he truly believes in the same regiment in which he the 1st Deponent served - of this point he will not be certain - but he does know that 1st Coleman was there in the service of the United States - where, or when 1st Coleman enlisted he does not know - that said Coleman is now poor & aged man & incapable of maintaining himself - and the Deponent knows 1st Coleman to be the same man who was at Williamsburg Va. with him in 1781.

Given to Subscribes in my presence the Day & Date aforesaid

Eleazar Thomas

made

Saml M. Edwards

Justice